(b) if so, the details of the provision in this regard; and

(c) if not, the legal status in respect of levelling of charges by such an officer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) As per the provisions of the Central Civil services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965 a disciplinary authority is competent to initate disciplinary proceedings against the Government servant concerned. Hence, an officer functioning as a disciplinary authority can issue charge-memo to the concerned subordinate even if the officer himself is charged of some mis-conduct.

Recognition of Service Assoications

5356. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the new recognition rules issued in 1993, all service associations are required to get fresh recognition;

(b) if so, whether such recognition has since been granted to all the existing service associations in the Central Secretariat;

(c) if not, the names of the associations awaiting recognition alongwith the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure early finalisation of the pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes Sir. All Service Associations recognized before notification of the Central Civil Services (Recognition of Service Associations) Rules, 1993 have to obtain fresh recognition.

(b) Two of the Associations in the Central Secretariat, namely, Central Secretariat Service Section Officers Association and Central Secretariat Non-Gazetted Emloyees Union which could fulfil the conditions for recognition and were recognized by this Department.

(c) and (d) The associations of Direct Recruit Section Officers, Direct Recruit Assistants, Gazetted Stenographers, Non-Gazetted Stenographers, Staff Car Drivers and Despatch Riders could not fulfil the eligibility criteria and were not recognized. Fresh applications for recognittion have been invited from these Associations.

Fixation of pension

5357. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations including from various pension associations regarding wrongly fixing 1st April, 1995 as cut off date for allowing DCRG after taking into account DA thereby putting a category of Government servants to a disadvantage;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether CAT, Mumbai has upheld the case of the affected Government employees;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reasons for non-issuance of consequential orders, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (e) The issue was agitated by some pensioners before the CAT, Mumbai. The Hon'ble CAT ruled that they did not fined and nexus or rational consideration in fixing the cut off date of 1.4.1995. The Government has filed a Writ Petition against the Judgement before the High Court of Judicature, Mumbai. The Writ Petition has been admitted and the matter is *subjudice.*

Raids conducted by CBI

5358. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Bureau of Investigation raided and searched premises of 112 Government officials and others in the